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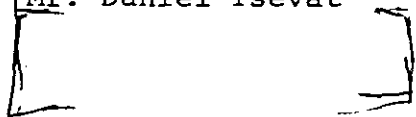
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Mr. Daniel Tsevat



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Dear Mr. Tsevat:

In response to your letter of February 20, we are pleased to report, as we are sure you are aware, that Jacobo Timerman was placed under house arrest on April 17.

The Department of State monitored this case very closely and made repeated interventions at the highest level with the Government of Argentina on Mr. Timerman's behalf. We look forward to the withdrawal of all restrictions on his freedom of movement.

With regard to U.S. military assistance to Argentina, we have taken into account Argentina's human rights record as required by law, in determining the extent of our aid relationship with that country. In this connection, Secretary Vance announced military assistance reductions to Argentina on human rights grounds as early as February 1977. The GOA subsequently renounced U. S. military assistance programs. There is no proposal for military assistance in the FY 1979 security assistance budget.

We appreciate your interest in our human rights policy.

Yours sincerely,

Roberta Cohen

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Human Rights Officer

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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